



Yue Yu

Violist



Summary

- **Yue Yu**, an outstanding Chinese violist who was recently named one of Classic FM's "Rising Stars", has performed in the world's most prestigious concert halls, including Birmingham Symphony Hall, London's Wigmore Hall and Vienna's Konzerthaus. Her debut album for Naxos, recorded at the young age of 22, was internationally acclaimed. A passionate chamber musician, Yue Yu has collaborated with renowned artists such as Steven Isserlis, Steven Doane, Pavel Gililov, Timothy Ridout and the Amatis Piano Trio, to name but a few.

Professional experiences

- 11/2023
- 11/2025 ● **Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin (Germany)**
Academist
- 07/2022
- present ● **Camerata Salzburg (Austria)**
Guest player
- 07/2023
- present ● **München Philharmoniker (Germany)**
Substitut Viola tutti
- 10/2021
- present ● **Ensemble Esperanza (Liechtenstein)**
Member of the viola section

Education

- 10/2019
- 10/2022 ● **Master of Arts**
Universität Mozarteum Salzburg, Austria
Studied with Prof. Thomas Riebl (viola)
- 09/2015
- 06/2019 ● **Performance, Bachelor of Music with Honours**
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, UK
Studied with Dr. Louise Lansdown (viola)
- 09/2012
- 07/2015 ● **Highschool**
Music School Affiliated to Xinghai Conservatory of Music (high school), Guangzhou, China
Studied with Prof. Hou, Donglei (viola)

Projects

- 02/2022 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Walton Viola Concerto with Stockport Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Delyana Lazarova (Stockport, UK)
- 01/2022 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Walton Viola Concerto with West Forest Sinfonia, conducted by Philip Ellis (Reading, UK)

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Citizenship

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Skills

Empathy
Creativity and ingenuity
Self-reflection
Teamwork
Video and audio editing
Attention to Detail

Languages

English
German
Chinese

Hobby/Interest

Besides my passion for music and playing the viola, I enjoy playing and studying chess, exploring beautiful places like mountains and lakes.

- 02/2021 ● **Recording artist**
Schumann Piano Quartet in E-flat major, op.47
A live recording in collaboration with the concert pianist Prof. Pavel Gililov and members of the Amatis Piano Trio (Lea Hausmann, violin; Samuel Shepherd, cello) (Salzburg, Austria).
- 09/2019 ● **Recording artist**
Debut album with Label Naxos
An album focusing on viola music, featuring works by British composers Britten, Bowen and Holst.
"Yue Yu and Anthony Hewitt give splendid performances that hold their own even alongside those terrific displays by Lawrence Power and Simon Crawford-Phillips (Hyperion, 9/08).
An excellent album, this, definitely worth investigating." © 2023 Gramophone
- 04/2019 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Bartok Viola Concerto with Stockport Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Philip Ellis (Stockport, UK)
- 02/2019 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Bartok Viola Conerto with RBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Daniele Rosina (Birmingham, UK)
- 11/2017 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Hindemith Der Schwanendreher with RBC Symphony Orhchestra, conducted by Jamie Phillips (Birmingham, UK)
- 05/2017 ● **Viola soloist with orchestra**
Max Bruchs Romanze with Birmingham Conservatoire String Orchestra, conducted by Julian Llyod Webber, in Birmingham Town Hall (UK)
- 03/2017 ● **Violist in a string quartet**
Concert at the Wigmore Hall, London, as a member of the Continental String Quartet (UK)
- 2015 - 2019 ● **Full scholarship student**
For 4 years of Bachelor degree at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
- 05/2015 ● **Concert violist**
Recital in Shantou (China), sponsored by Segno Chamber Music
-  **Awards**
- 09/2023 ● **Private award from Musikakademie in Liechtenstein (Liechtenstein)**
A one-time scholarship of CHF 3.500.
- 07/2022 ● **Classic FM's "30 Rising Stars under the age of 30" (UK)**

- 05/2022 ● **5th Tokyo International Viola Competition (Japan)**
Advanced to second round
- 04/2022 ● **Ian Stoutzer Preis (for all instruments) (Austria)**
Finalist, awarded 1000 euros
- 02/2021 ● **P. Hindemith Viola Concorso, Salzburg (Austria)**
Winner
- 09/2020 ● **Brahms International Competition (Austria)**
Semi-finalist
- 04/2019 ● **Stockport International Young Musicians Competition (for all instruments) (UK)**
Winner
- 04/2019 ● **Lionel Tertis International Viola Competition (UK)**
Invited to compete in live rounds
- 11/2017 ● **Cecil Aronowitz International Viola Competition (UK)**
Bishop Instruments and Bows Ltd Prize (sonata prize):
was awarded a viola bow by P. Guillaume valued at 5000 GBP in 2017.
1 of the 5 finalists
- 2017 ● **Silver Medal of Musicians' Company in London (UK)**
The annual representative of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
- 2017 ● **Sylvia Cleaver Chamber Music Prize (UK)**
As a member of the Fletcher Quartet (string quartet)
- 2017 ● **Etude Prize (UK)**
Winner: RBC Internal Viola Competition
- 2016 ● **Herbert Lumby Prize (UK)**
Winner: RBC Internal Viola Competition
- 2016 ● **Hong Kong International String Competition (China)**
First prize in the Brahms and Youth Class A categories



Courses & Festivals

- 09/2023 ● **IMS Prussia Cove, Open Chamber Music (UK)**
Concerts, collaborations with Steven Isserlis, Steven Doane, etc. in **2023**;
and with Thomas Riebl, etc. in **2022**.
- 08/2023 ● **Vivacissimo Festival (Italy)**
Chamber music concerts
- 05/2023 ● **Internationale Musikacademie in Liechtenstein, intensive week (Liechtenstein)**
Masterclass with Prof. Thomas Riebl (also in **2019, 2020**)
- 04/2023 ● **IMS Prussia Cove (UK)**
Masterclass. In **2023** in the class of Prof. Lars Anders Tomter, and in **2022**
in the class of Prof. Thomas Riebl, and in **2021** in the class of Prof. Hariolf
Schlichtig.

- 03/2023 ● **Schiermonikoog Festival (Netherland)**
Masterclass with Prof. Nobuko Imai
- 02/2022 ● **Wye Valley Chamber Music Festival (UK)**
Concerts with Mendelssohn's B minor Piano Quartet, Debussy's String Quartet and Beethoven's String Quartet
- 10/2021 ● **Salzburger Kammermusiken Festival (Austria)**
Concerts, as a member of the Ensemble Esperanza (chamber ensemble)
- 09/2021 ● **International Mendelssohn Festival (Germany)**
Masterclass with Prof. Nobuko Imai
- 08/2021 ● **Bad Leonfelden Internationale Sommeracademie (Austria)**
Master classes. In the classes of Prof. Thomas Riebl and Predrag Katanic (also 2017, 2018, 2020).
- 07/2021 ● **Virtuoso & Belcanto Festival (Italy)**
Masterclass with Prof. Nobuko Imai, Lawrence Power, Wenting Kang, Paul Cortese
- 07/2021 ● **ARCo contemporary music festival (France)**
Masterclass. As a member of the Netuno String Quartet
- 03/2019 ● **Ulverston International Music Festival (UK)**
Concerts, featuring performance of Brahms's G major String Quintet, op.111, in collaboration with members of the Primrose Piano Quartet
- 08/2018 ● **Wye Valley Chamber Music Festival (UK)**
Masterclass. As a member of the Arcus Piano Trio (viola, cello and piano).
- 07/2018 ● **Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival (South Africa)**
Masterclass & chamber music performances



References

- **Prof. Thoams Riebl**
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